

# AB 2145

## Illegal Insertion of Hate Materials in Free Publications

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Sponsor: Anti-Defamation League

### BACKGROUND

Under existing law, the attachment or insertion of any unauthorized advertisement and the actual or intended redistribution of, a newspaper that is offered for retail sale or is distributed without charge, except with the consent of the publisher or authorized distributor, is a misdemeanor. Existing law also makes it a misdemeanor to act in concert with another to distribute newspapers with unauthorized advertisements, in violation of this provision

Current law is intended to prevent hate groups like the Ku Klux Klan from "stealing free newspapers, wrapping their hate literature around them and then delivering the newspapers door-to-door. This took place in 1998 in the cities of Lodi, Stockton and Santa Rosa.

However, the specific use of the term "newspaper" in current law allows hate groups to insert hate materials in other free publications such as rental guides that are not specifically included in the definition of "newspaper."

### SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF AB 2145

This bill would make it illegal to insert any materials in any published material for sale or available for free without the expressed consent of the publisher or producer.

This bill is meant to prevent hate groups and individuals from inserting hate materials in free publications like rental guides and homes for sale guides that are distributed for free.

If you support this legislation please send letters to:

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